Variation in Collection of Income Tax from Beedi leaves Contractors

4831. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of collection of tax at source from beedi-leaves contractors under Sec. 44 AC of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 varies from State to State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Sir, the Central Board of Direct Taxes had clarified in January, 1989, that the traders of tendu leaves, who sell the leaves after the operation of drying and sprinkling of water etc. on these leaves would not fall within the ambit of sections 44 AC and 206C of the Income-tax Act. However, it appears that the clarification has not come to the notice of the concerned persons in some states.

Bank Loans for opening LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

4832. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of loans given by public Sector Banks in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh separately for opening of LPG agencies and petrol pumps during 1989, 1990 and 1991 so far, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). The public sector oil companies in consultation with Government are operating a scheme for awarding dealership/distributorship under social objective scheme, covering the establishment of petrol pumps and dealership in LPG. Financial assistance is given by banks to the allottees of various categories of dealership/distributorship awarded by the oil companies. However, the data collecting system in the Reserve Bank of India does not generate the specific information as asked for about the loans given by banks, State-wise.

Construction of Expressways in Bombay

4833. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for construction of Expressways over the sea connecting southern Bombay with northern suburbs;

(b) if so, the total cost involved; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Over Invoicing of Exports

4834. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases regarding claiming of duty drawback of fake firms by over-invoicing of exports and exporting mud and scrap have been detected as reported in the Economic Times of October 31,1991;